

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 17.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1001197.000

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 16 August 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image depicts the naked figures of a boy in his early to mid-teenage years and a woman who appears somewhat older. They are embracing and kissing, each with a hand in the other's crotch. The purpose of the image is to arouse adults with a sexual interest in underage boys. The availability of the image file is likely to encourage this sexual interest and strengthen the idea that young people may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.